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Wishing You All a Merry Christmas

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The Fairest Dawn

THE night is dark; all nature's dreary.
Moaning and fear no relief afford;
Weak hope, less faith in souls sore weary
Waiting the grace of the promised Lord,
And faintly plodding life's rough, abject way.

The bleak and far horizon gleams
In star-lit bliss; on the plain reveals
Some nomad's tent the silvery beams,
And through the rifted flap there steals
The dread and fell despair annulling ray.

Upon the hardening couch he turns,
And from its restless cover leaps
The exile; oh, how mellow burns
The uprising moon the sandy heaps
For light and hope and trust to fondly pray.

Across the sky's wide firmament
A blinding glow of unknown light
Is streaming; to wrath no thought is bent:
The heart's replete with sense of right,
For angels sing of glory long at bay.

No more of gloom and fear, for Heaven's lay
Now cheers the soul that sinful sorrow pressed;
In faith and hope and love died all dismay;
With peace and joy the humbled heart is blessed
That lived the dawn of Christ's own Christmas Day.



Necessity's Ruse

IT was an evening in December. The occupants of the Upper Study Hall were engrossed in the pursuit of Latin, Greek and mathematics. Their fingers moved nimbly through the pages of dictionaries, and with increasing diligence they penned down translations and theorems.

All this, when the giant fuse decided he had lived long enough, and after a moment of indecision burnt himself up. During the fifteen minutes which elapsed ere he was replaced, necessity, coupled with ingenuity, found where-with to dispel the darkness.

Someone had some little Christmas candles, which he gave out with liberal hand. Soon every desk boasted a luminous little guard. Thus the whole back part of the study hall was lit up; and with it also the wit of some of the occupants. "How ill this taper burns!" quoth Leriger, after McCaffrey had knocked the life out of it with a ruler. Wigmore walked back and illuminated the hall, and Kuhn seized the opportunity to shave. McCaffrey's Peru Sentinel caught fire, but the conflagration was happily extinguished with the radiator exhaust. Then the lights came on, lit and relit, and at last came forth, triumphant.

Smoking Club Election

AT the last meeting of the smoking club the following members were elected as officers to succeed George Kuntz, President, W. Seyfried, Vice President, C. Schmidt, Secretary, P. McCaffrey, Marshall:—President, M. Lause; Vice President, J. Stewart; Secretary, D. Curby; Marshall, P. Fogarty. We wish them success.

A Kid's Christmas



HEAR the bells a-ringin'?
Santa's on his way!
Hear the wind a-singin'?
Rah! for Ch. istmas Day!

Bah! for all our troubles!
This is time for joy;
Troubles are but bubbles;
Christmas days, ahoy!

Mistletoe and holly,
Christmas gifts galore!
My! but we'll be jolly!
Santa's at the door.

Christmas Mass so early,
Christmas greeting grand,
Christmas flakes so pearly;
Joy throughout the land.

St. Xavier 41 vs. St. Joe 31

THE Varsity played its first game of the season at home against St Xavier's. From the very beginning the quintette from the South Side had the best of the game. They excelled the North Side in fast floor playing, in pass work, and in guarding. Lackenburger, one of the forwards of the St. Xavier aggregation, was the star of the game, putting in five field goals and fifteen out of twenty-one free throws. Lause and Deery starred for the St Joe team. There is some very promising material on the St Joe five, but it needs development. Some of the Varsity team must learn to discriminate between football and basketball. There were entirely too many fouls called in this game. Since this encounter much progress has been made in the team's work, and we hope in the near future to take the South Side representatives down the dismal creek of defeat.

A fine selection of box candy just came in. Be sure to take a box along home for a Christmas present.—Collegeville Candy Co. Adv.

Cheer Fashion Department

STYLES in evening dress, which have for several months been conservative, are again running to extremes, as appeared Monday night in the North Dorm. Only very eccentric people are catering to the new fad.

A few immortal lines by Joe:
You can lead a horse to water,
But you cannot make him drink;
You can ride a Virgil pony,
But you cannot make it think.

LOCALS

Baumholt: "I think—"
Squirrel: "What with?"

General excitement among the Juniors. "Toohey fell in the lake." "Yea, Toohey." Deutch: "Did he get wet?"

Bosco: "How do you say nut in German?"

Prof.: "Oh, we don't have those things in German."

Leopold: "We have four fellows that are on our side in French class."

Scheuer: "What happened? Did you choose sides?"

The Fifth Latins have received their new trigonometry text books, which are very handsome. They seem to enjoy them greatly, very much as child, it's a new toy. They have completely mastered the pictures; but Ma't Lause says he can't tell a sine from a billboard.

Just one short week from today, boys,
And you'll be leaving here.
The time will pass right swiftly,
For Christmas is quite near.
So go and have your fun boys—
That you will, we do not fear—
And here's to you all, boys,
Best wishes from the Cheer.

Mitte Auxilium de Sancto

*Remo domi in conclavi Graeco prae-
cipue quarto,
Praeceptor ubi linguam Graecam dis-
cipulis docet;
Sed tamen nihil notum, et magister
flammis completur,
Tum nos minatur severe et dolore com-
plemur.
Heu miseris pueris, qui nihil Graece
cognoscunt!
Discere conamur, sed labor nostrum est
frustra.
Igitur, O Deus, benignitatem ostendas,
Atque artem Graece discendi nobis
ostende!*

—SPOOP.

The CHEER has a lot of money out which must be in before the holidays, or the staff may have to spend its Christmas vacation here. Have your 50c ready when we come around.

S. J. C. felt pennants and pillow covers make splendid Christmas presents. This week 10 per cent discount on felt goods.—A. A. Store.

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Christmas Thoughts

THE season of Christmas is once more come round. We see it in the expectant faces of students, who look forward to spending the happiest time of all the year at home. We see it in the candy store where Stewart and Beck with beaming countenances stand back of counters and cases, which are laden with beautiful boxes of candy done in holly and baby ribbon, their every smile a Merry Christmas wish and an invitation to buy or to pull a few red seals off the pretty little white cards which are strewn about the counters. We see it in the barber shop, where little David Schneider swings his razor with renewed vigor, and where long-haired individuals are being shorn in preparation for the coming festivities. We see it in chalk on the blackboards.

It breathes everywhere, the spirit of Christmas: in the city, with its gayly decorated shop windows, its hurrying throngs of ruddy-faced shoppers; its laughing children and its cedar-scented atmosphere; in towns and hamlets, in farm houses; the lonely shepherd feels it in the soft stillness and peace of his vast snow-bound solitude.

And above all and through all shines, in unfaded splendor, as has for nineteen hundred years and will ever shine, the sweetly solemn thought of the Infant Christ, whose birth on the first Christmas night was heralded by angels bringing their message of peace to men.

College Cheer extend to all its friends heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THREE weeks after Christmas, semi-annuals! What a withering thought that comes to shadow our joy at this glad season! But every cloud has its own bright lining, and though most of us look forward to the mid-year exams with a feeling of dread, yet the fellow who plugs when the pluggin' is good is going to look back at them with a feeling of satisfaction. All you athletes who were cussin' your luck because the results of the last exams disqualified

you for the Varsity, redeem yourselves now. Old St. Joe don't need any one of you, mind, but she will ever cherish a mighty warm spot in her big heart for the boys that go forth to defend her colors: and she is kind of particular whom she lets fight for her. Her warriors must be intellectual as well as physical giants. Some of you finished athletes can be intellectuals if you only half try. True, for some it may be pretty late to start, because they have not a solid enough foundation in things intellectual. Take a tip, laddie beginner, and learn it as you go. And, physical giants, there is at least one never-sweat on the Varsity who ought to be spending his time otherwise, and who will be mighty glad to step out in favor of better brawn and brain.

The First Christmas

IT was a moonlight night,
'Twas still as death, and cold;
Above the stars shone bright,
As slept the shepherd's fold.

The shepherds draw their skins
More tight about them still;
Then each his watch begins,
Upon that evening chill.

Half 'wake and yet asleep,
An angel's voice they hear;
And dazed their senses leap,
Their hearts o'erfilled with fear.

"Fear not," the voice doth sing,
"Fear not, but kneel and pray;
For born is Christ, our King,
And this is Christmas Day."

Then in the heav'nly sky,
Celestial choirs appear,
Singing to God on high
In voices loud and clear—

"Glory to God on high,
And peace on earth to men;
The new-born Babe is nigh;
Hie thee to Bethlehem!"

A. A. Board Meeting

AT a special meeting of the Board a week ago last Sunday, another man was elected to the Varsity, bringing the number to eight. William Erhman is the new addition. Two other men, John McCaffrey and Albert Leriger, were chosen as reserves. They are taking the regular course of training with the Varsity.

Coach Myers, of Rensselaer, is doing able work shaping the raw material which was presented into something like efficiency.

By our mistake the name of James Stewart was omitted from the list of Varsity players in our last issue.

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